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REMARKS

1. Sixteen 172-mm guns and eight 122-mm guns were stored in the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam (N 53/2 63), on 20 August 1950. Eight other guns of 172 mm caliber were at Altengrabow (N 53/2 00) for range practice. an artillery brigade was stationed in the Delius Kaserne. The headquarters 50X1-HUM was referred to as brigade headquarters. It was headed by a colonel whose superior officer, a general, was stationed in Wildpark from where the brigade headquarters received orders, replacements and supplies. When going to Wildpark the officers spoke of a trip to the divisions headquarters. (1) 50X1-HUM
2. On the assumption that a battery has four guns and that the necessary personnel are housed in one building, the units in the Delius Kaserne to be six 172-mm batteries, including two batteries in Altengrabow, and two 122-mm batteries. (2) 50X1-HUM
3. On 17 August 1950 a unit with five caterpillar tractors, four 172-mm guns, four trucks, and 11 officers and 80 men left the installation for firing practice, allegedly going to Jucterbog (N 52/2 69). They returned on 18 August 1950. (3)
4. During the period from 16 to 22 August 1950, infantry training and gun drill were observed in the area of the Delius Kaserne. 50X1-HUM
5. On 22 August 1950 the former German 9th Inf Regt Kaserne at 10-12 Jaegerallee (not the NCO school) was about 75 percent occupied by 800 troops wearing black epaulets. (4) The barracks installation at 23 Jaegerallee, which had also housed the former German 9th Inf Regt and had a capacity of about 800 troops, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black epaulets. Motor vehicles were observed. 50X1-HUM
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6. The quarters at 76-77 Zeppelinstrasse were occupied by an MVD unit. Motor vehicles were identified there. 50X1-HUM

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Comments.

- (1) According to available information, an artillery brigade, presumably the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig, is stationed in the Delius Kaserne, a report of 6 July 1950 indicated that the headquarters of an artillery division was located in Potsdam-Wildpark, to which the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig and another artillery brigade were subordinate.

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- (2) The occupation of the Delius Kaserne by six 152-mm batteries and two 122-mm batteries seems to be correct. It is believed that the artillery brigade there is organized into two artillery battalions of four batteries each.
- (3) Although it is possible that some units were in Jueterbog for short periods of firing practice, it is known that the majority of the artillery units in Potsdam were rotated to Altengrabow for range practice.
- (4) In November 1949 the barracks installation at 10-12 Jaegerallee was occupied by 800 troops of various branches of service, mostly komendatura units.
- (5) The installation was more heavily occupied than on 30 June 1950.

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